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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA,  
1880

HOLD WITH THE  
Greenville Baptist Church, Greenville, Butler Co. Ala., July 14---17.

JONATHAN HARALSON, SELMA, ALA., PRESIDENT.  
BENJ. B. DAVIS, EUFAULA, ALA., SECRETARY.

The next Session of the Convention will be held, with the First Baptist  
Church at Troy, Alabama, on Wednesday, before 3d Sabbath, July 1881. *July 1.*

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## DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE OR FUNDS.

*For Foreign Mission Board, For Home Mission Board, For Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and For State Mission Board.*—To REV. T. M. BAILEY, Marion, Ala.

*For Alabama Baptist.*—To REV. J. L. WEST, Selma, Ala.

*For Aged and Indigent Ministers Fund.*—To W. C. WARD, Selma, Ala.

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.

HON. JON. HARALSON, *President*, Selma, Ala.

B. B. DAVIS, *Secretary*, Eufaula, Ala.

S. H. FOWLKES, *Treasurer*, Marion, Ala.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

✓ *On Sabbath Schools.*—H. S. D. Mallory, W. F. Kone, B. F. Riley, A. B. Sharke, G. T. Green, Wm. Thoratton, R. M. Burt J. O. Mallory.

✓ *On Evangelization of the Colored Race.*—J P Hubbard, Jas C Wright, S B Foster, W C Ward, O J Bowen, A J Robinson A J Waldrop.

✓ *On Foreign Missions.*—M. G. Hudson, T. W. Tobey, L. R. Sims, C. D. Woolruff, James Cody, J. M. Hickman, W. L. Ward, H. D. Boyd.

✓ *On Home Missions.*—J. W. Bishop, D. P. Bestor, J. L. Sampey A. T. Sims, Lewis Finch, R. S. Higgins, B. L. Hibbard, J. E. Deer.

✓ *On Education.*—(† R Farnham, F B Moodie, Mike Cody, J M Phillips, J E Bell, G D Benton, A W Beverly, Wm Ivey, J C Bush.

✓ *On Temperance.*—S. Henderson, E. T. Winkler, W. B. Crumpton, D. P. Bestor, J. H. Burns.

✓ *On Aged and Infirm Ministers.*—G B Eager, T H Stout, Samuel Henderson, R H Multon, B G Farmer, Lewis Johnson, J H Williamson, T H Watts.

✓ *On Aged and Indigent Ministers Fund.*—W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory, H. A. Haralson.

✓ *To Prepare Programme.*—J. J. Renfro, B. B. Davis, James Crook, S. Henderson, J. W. Bishop.

✓ *To Preach Introductory Sermon.*—B. H. Crumpton; alternate, J. O. Hixson.

MINUTES  
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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
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On Wednesday July 14th, 1880, THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA met, in Fifty-Seventh Annual Session, in the Baptist House of Worship at GREENVILLE, ALA., at 10 o'clock A. M.

The President, HON. JONATHAN HARALSON, of Selma, called the Convention to order.

The devotional exercises were conducted by A. J. Waldrop, of Ruhamah Church, by reading the 19th Psalm and singing the hymn—"For as thy name is known."

In response to the invitation of the President, the following delegates were enrolled:

FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama—(D. Lee, Moderator, Mt. Willing, E. F. Baber, Clerk, Collirene, meet with Steep Creek Church, October 8th, 1880) M. Bishop, W. G. Werrell, F. E. May, S. W. Quarles, J. L. Sampey, H. Garrett.

Arbacoochee.—

Bethel—(J. R. Cowan, Moderator, P. C. Drew, Clerk, Jackson, meets with Deep Creek church, near Hoboken Marengo county, September 24th, 1880) J. G. McCaskey, J. W. Dickinson, W. B. Williams, B. B. Williams, W. H. DeWitt, J. H. Findley, J. H. Creighton, J. W. Wright,

Bethlehem—(A. J. Robinson, Moderator, Brooklyn, Y. M. Rabh, Clerk Evergreen, meets with Claiborne Church, September 25th, 1880) J. E. Bell, E. P. Loyless, J. W. Lock, I. Spence, A. J. Robinson, G. R. Farnham.



Bigbee—(J. K. Ryan, Moderator, Pushmataha, J. D. Cook Clerk, Pushmataha, meets with Gainesville Baptist Church Friday September 10th, 1880) W. F. Pond, J. D. Crook, J. G. Harris, P. E. Ward.

Boulah.—

Big Bear Creek—(Wm. Matthews, Moderator Hillside, Miss., Wm. Chaffin Clerk, meets with New Friendship Church Franklin county October 9th, 1880.)

Boiling Spring—(A. F. Allen Moderator Oxford, J. W. McClintock Clerk, meets with Mt. Moriah Church three miles east of Delta, Clay county, September 25th, 1880.)

Coosa River—(Abner Williams, Moderator, Oxford, Ala., J. L. Wilkes, Clerk, Sylacauga, meets with Fort Williams Church Fayetteville, Talladega county, September 16th, 1880) J. W. Bishop, C. R. Cross.

Cedar Bluff—(J. W. Canfield, Moderator, Sterling, Ala., J. R. Nowlin, meets with Cedar Bluff Church, Cherokee county, August 13th, 1880.)

Colbert Shoals.—

Cherokee—(Bailey Bruce, Moderator, Brandon Station, F. N. Appleton, Clerk, Collinsville, meets with Union Church, Etowah county, September 17th, 1880.)

Cahaba—(J. T. Murfree, Moderator Marion, S. C. Trammil, Clerk, Greensboro, meet with Concord Church, near Perryville, October 15th, 1880,) W. C. Ward, R. F. Walker, Jno. L. West.

Cababa Valley—(M. Hendricks, Moderator, Kelly Creek, P. S. Montgomery, Clerk, Ashville, meets with Cedar Grove Church September 25th, 1880.)

Canaan—(A. J. Waldrop, Moderator, Woods Station, E. B. Waldrop, Clerk, Woods Station, meets with Pleasant Ridge Church Jefferson county, October 1st, 1880,) J. H. Hendon, A. J. Waldrop, N. F. Miles.

Carey—(J. D. Quarles, Moderator, Coleta, W. V. Almon, Clerk Wesobulga, meets with Providence Church Coosa county, October 8th, 1880.)

Centennial—(A. J. Slaughter, Moderator, F. E. Tompkins, Clerk, meets with Fairview Church Bullock county, September 24th, 1880,) S. A. Goodwin, J. O. Hixson, W. Pritchett,

W. O'Neil, B. F. Lockheart, W. M. Thornton, F. E. Boykin, A. J. Slaughter.

Central—(I. W. Suttle, Moderator, Wetumpka, J. I. Lamar, Clerk, Deatsville, Ala., meets Alexander City, Tallapoosa county, October 1st, 1880,) J. I. Lamar, Wm. Upshaw.

Elim—(J. L. Bryan, Moderator, Bluff Springs, Fla., Wm. Edwards, Clerk, Ferry Pass Fla., meets with Elim Church, Escambia county, October 2nd, 1880.)

✓ Eufaula—(W. H. Patterson, Moderator, Eufaula, J. S. Paullin, Clerk, Clayton, meets with Midway Church Bullock county, M. & E. R. R. October 22nd, 1890,) W. N. Reeves, B. B. Davis, F. B. Moodie, M. Cody, James Cody, A. B. Starke, A. W. Beverly, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson.

Gulf Coast—(J. O. B. Lowry Moderator, New Orleans, M. B. Richmond Clerk, Scranton Miss., meets with Scranton Miss. Church, April 22nd, 1881.)

✓ Harmony West—(N. H. Williams Moderator, Scottsville, Jas. N. Hayes, Clerk, meets Enon Church five miles east Centreville, Bibb county, October 9th, 1880.)

Harmony East.—

Indian Creek—(J. M. Corbin Moderator, Houston, A. O. Montague, Clerk, meets; New Providence Church, Lawrence county Tenn., September 25th, 1880.)

✓ Judson—(L. R. Sims, Moderator, Shorterville, D. Rogers  
Clerk, Bakers Hill, meets Abbeville, Henry county, October  
1st, 1880.)

Liberty East—(J. P. Shaffer, Moderator, Roanoke, W. C. Bledsoe, Clerk, LaFayette, meets LaFayette, Chambers county September 24th 1880,) J. F. Bledsoe, J. P. Seroyer.

Liberty North—(Francis Rice, Moderator, New Market, R. P. Whitman, Clerk, Huntsville, meets Kelly Creek Church September 17th, 1880.) W. F. Kone, M. T. Sumner.

✓ Liberty West—(A. Daughety, Moderator, Isney, Choctaw county, J. L. Slay Clerk, meets Ebenezer Church Lauderdale county, October 1st, 1880.) S. O. Y. Ray.

— Mulberry—(T. M. Hobson, Moderator, Clements, R. M. Honeycutt Clerk, Clear Creek, meets Macedonia Church, Chilton county, five miles east of Randolph September 25th, 1880.)  
Joab M. Langston

ly South Eastern - Also

✓ Muscle Shoals—(Jackson Gunn, Moderator, Trinity, Jos. Shackelford Clerk, Trinity, meets Pleasant Hill Church Morgan county, October 1st, 1880,) Jos' Shackleford, J. I. Stockton.

✓ Mud Creek.—

✓ Mt. Carmel—(J. W. Brown, Moderator, Vienna, Ala., O. H. Alford, Clerk, Warrenton Ala., meets Chestnut Oak Grove Church Marshall county, September 10th, 1880.)

✓ Mt. Pleasant.—

✓ New River—(J. B. Huckabee, Moderator, Palo, A. M. Nuckols, Clerk, meets Concord Church thirteen miles south of Fayette, October 9th 1880.)

✓ North River—(L. B. Harbin, Moderator, Toledo, D. Manasco Clerk, Holly Grove, meets New Hope Church on Tuskaloosa Road September 25th, 1880.)

✓ Newton—(J. M. Ponier, Moderator, R. Deal, Clerk, Echo, meets Daleville October 1880.)

✓ Pine Barren—(D. W. Ramsey, Moderator, Pine Apple, J. N. Holcombe, Clerk, meets Bear Creek Church, Wilcox county September 15th, 1880,) J. R. Hawthorne, D. W. Ramsey, A. T. Sims, S. Moore, Geo. Riley, A. P. Majors, L. R. Riley, J. B. McWilliams, B. J. Skinner, W. G. Curry, H. E. Davison, J. F. Bruner, J. G. Little.

✓ Pea River.—

✓ Rock Mills—(T. G. Layton, Moderator, Rockalo Geo., T. Johnson Clerk, meets New Hope Church Heard county Geo., October 2nd, 1880.)

✓ Sandy Creek.—

✓ Suphur Springs—(W. J. McCrary, Moderator, Partridge, Jefferson county, E. Foster Clerk, meets Good Hope Church six miles southwest Hanceville, September 24th, 1880.)

✓ Salem—(J. P. Nall, Moderator, Troy, W. A. Cumbee, Clerk Troy, meets Hepzebah Church four miles south of Troy October 2nd, 1880,) W. A. Cumbee, T. H. Stout.

✓ Shelby—(T. H. Holcombe, Moderator, Columbiana, C. W. O'Hara Clerk, Columbiana, meets Bethesda Church, Wilsonville, Shelby county, September 11th, 1880,) U. J. Wilkes.

✓ Tuskegee—(F. C. David Moderator, Opelika, C. W. Buck, Clerk, Columbus Geo., meets Opelika Church October 15th, 1880,) with I. T. Tichenor, W. E. Lloyd, G. D. Benton.

✓ Tallasatchee and Ten Island—(J. F. Potter, Moderator, White Plains, W. H. Burton Clerk, meets Liberty Church S. R. & D. R. R., eighteen miles from Jacksonville, October 1st, 1880.)

✓ Tuskalooza—(J. B. Eddins, Moderator, J. T. Yerby, Clerk, Tuskalooza, meets Bethany Church fourteen miles west of Tuskalooza, September 17th, 1880,) G. T. Green.

✓ Tennessee River—(P. Brown, Moderator, Fackler, Ala., R. A. Coffey, Clerk, Stevenson Ala., meets Mountain Home Church Dade county, Geo., September 24th, 1880.)

✓ Tallapoosa River—

Unry—A. Andrews, Moderator, Burnsville Ala., H. E. Longier, Clerk, Randolph, meets Bethesda Church, Autauga county, October 2nd, 1880,) J. H. Burns, J. H. Ray.

✓ Union—(J. C. Foster, Moderator, Foster's, Ala., H. B. Chapelle Clerk, Carrollton, meets Spring Hill Church, Lamar county, September 4th, 1880,) J. A. Mitchell.

Yellow Creek—(A. Markham, Moderator, J. M. Woods Clerk, meets Bethabara Church twelve miles southeast Vernon October 1st 1880.)

✓ Warrior River—(G. B. Wade, Moderator, Walnut Grove, W. Y. Adams, Clerk, Gum Springs, meets White Plains Church, Calhoun county, October 8th, 1880.)

✓ Zion—P. L. Mosely, Moderator, Fairfield, J. F. Jones, Clerk, (meets Zion Church, October 16th, 1880,) P. L. Moseley, J. M. Hickman.

#### FROM CHURCHES.

Athens, Limestone county—M. T. Sumner.

Antioch, Bibb county—J. M. Langston.

Antioch, Butler county—W. W. Brooks.

Antioch, Marengo county—B. B. Williams.

Alpine—S. Henderson, J. O. Mallory.

Ash Creek—E. F. Baber.

Birmingham—J. H. Hendon, N. F. Miles.

Bethsaida, Wilcox county—W. G. Curry, J. W. Peurifoy.

Bethany, Lowndes county—E. F. Baber.

Bethany, Monroe county—J. P. Watkins.

Bethlehem—J. S. Paullin.

Brooklyn—A. J. Robinson.

Clayton—J. S. Paullin.

- Contreville—Frank A. Lee.  
 Centre Ridge—Frank A. Lee.  
 Elim—W. G. Worrell.  
 Evergreen—W. R. Sawyer, Lewis Finch, C. S. Rabb, J. S. Fincher, Will Brawner.  
 Eufaula—W. N. Reeves, F. B. Moodie, B. B. Davis, W. H. Patterson.  
 Ebenezer—Nathan Wright.  
 Enon, Wilcox county—A. P. Majors.  
 Enon, Bullock county—J. S. Paullin.  
 Fort Deposit—R. M. Burt, Samuel Jordan, A. H. Buchanan, J. M. Fortune.  
 Fellowship—C. J. Knight, J. B. Scott.  
 Friendship—J. R. Hawthorne.  
 Gainesville—C. D. Woodruff.  
 Greenville—B. H. Crumpton, G. W. Thigpen, J. M. Thigpen, M. Wunberly, Jas. A. Harris, Thomas Boyd.  
 Georgiana—L. G. Skipper.  
 Garland—W. C. Bennett.  
 Hepzibah—C. R. Cross.  
 Huntsville—W. F. Kone.  
 Hopewell—C. A. Gunn.  
 Indian Springs—G. W. Riley, jr.  
 Indian Creek—W. P. Bushand, M. H. Shanks.  
 Livingston—J. G. Harris.  
 Midway—W. S. Rogers.  
 Monroeville—F. J. Emonr, T. S. Wiggins, J. W. Leslie, B. L. Hibbard.  
 Montgomery, 1st—R. H. Molton, A. B. Woodfin, T. H. Watts.  
 Montgomery, Adams street—J. A. Howard, A. F. Childers.  
 Montevallo—J. U. Wilkes.  
 Mobile, Palmetto street—Z. A. Owens, O. J. Bowen.  
 Mobile, St. Francis street—G. B. Eager, Daniel P. Bestor, J. Curtis Bush.  
 Mobile, Broad street—James C. Wright, M. G. Hudson.  
 Macon Church, Hale county—E. J. Forrester.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Marengo county—B. B. Williams.  
 Mt. Zion, Bullock county—A. W. Beverly.



New Ebenezer Church, Crenshaw county—W. H. Kilpatrick.

Northport Church, Crenshaw county—J. T. Appling.

Old Town, Conecuh county—I. Sponço.

Opelika—B. F. Riley, J. C. Condon.

Pleasant Hill—E. J. Forrester, J. R. Crumpton.

Providence, Marengo county—B. B. Williams.

Providence, Dallas county—W. B. Crumpton, Lewis Johnson, Jno. Averytt.

Pilgrims Rest, Escambia county—J. E. Deer, A. F. Johnson, J. C. Loveless, C. F. Rankin.

Pineville—H. E. Davison, L. R. Riley, B. J. Skinner.

Ramah, Barbour county—A. B. Starke, Mike Cody, James Cody.

Ramah, Montgomery county—J. L. Sampey, J. R. Sampey.

Rock West—T. W. Tobey.

Rehoboth—J. D. Cook, L. L. Belsher.

Rubamah—A. J. Waldrop.

Steep Creek—W. P. Bullock, G. W. McQueen.

Shady Grove, Dallas county—J. H. Burns.

Shiloh, Dallas county—E. F. Baber.

Shiloh, Marengo county—W. B. Williams.

Sumterville—N. B. Williams.

Selma—W. C. Cleveland, W. L. Ward, T. S. Bowen, J. H. Williamson, H. S. D. Mallory.

Siloam—E. T. Winkler, T. M. Bailey, M. T. Sumner, jr., J. T. Murfee.

Starlington Church—J. D. Bryan.

Tuscaloosa—J. M. Phillips, S. B. Foster.

Talladega—J. J. D. Renfroe, John W. Bishop, Wm. Ivoy.

Tuskegee—Z. D. Roby.

Union Springs—S. A. Goodwin, J. O. Hixson, F. E. Boykin, W. M. Thornton, A. J. Slaughter.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

I. T. Tichenor, A. J. Waldrop, S. Henderson, J. J. D. Renfroe, C. R. Cross, Jonathan Haralson, M. T. Sumner, T. H. Watts, B. B. Davis.

#### FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Ladies Aid Society, Greenville—John Gamble.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Basil Manly.

Milton, Florida—R. R. Sheppard,

Pensacola, Florida—J. L. Taylor.

Ladies Aid Society, Alpine Church—J. O. Mallory.

Colored Alabama Baptist State Convention—A. F. Owens, W. R. Pettiford.

An election by ballot was then had—J. T. Murfee and J. J. D. Renfroe acting as tellers, it being agreed, on motion, that the brethren receiving the largest number of votes should be considered elected—which resulted in the election of Jonathan Haralson, Selma, President; J. J. D. Renfroe, Talladega, J. G. Harris, Livingston, Vice Presidents; Benj. B. Davis, Eufaula, Secretary.

The President appointed J. S. Paullin, Clayton, Aspirant Secretary.

The President in a few appropriate remarks accepted the position, explaining to the assembled congregation the genius, powers and membership of the Convention.

Words of welcome were then spoken by the pastor of the entertaining church, B. H. Crumpton; responding to the address, the President expressed, on behalf of the Convention, their appreciation of the hospitality of the church and citizens of Greenville.

Appointed correspondents as follows:

*To Georgia Baptist State Convention:*

J. O. Hixson, T. H. Stout, W. S. Rogers, L. R. Sims, S. Henderson, B. B. Davis.

*To the Colored Alabama State Convention:*

S. A. Goodwin, I. T. Tichenor, B. B. Williams, E. T. Winkler, J. H. Williamson.

On motion resolved, that any member of this Convention present at any session of a corresponding body shall there represent this Convention.

The President then appointed the following committees:

*On Preaching*—B. H. Crumpton, B. G. Farmer, Wm. Ivey, T. S. Bowen, and Deacons of Greenville Baptist Church.

*On Finance*—M. G. Hudson, C. D. Woodruff, C. R. Cross, T. Boyd, F. B. Moodie.

*On Nominating Remaining Officers*—A. J. Waldrop, W. H. Pat-

terson, A. J. Slaughter, W. E. Lloyd, L. R. Sims, J. L. Sampey.

*On Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention*--J. G. Harris, G. D. Benton, P. L. Moseley, J. C. Wright, F. A. Lee, Wm. Pritchett.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board was then read by him and referred to the following committee of one from each association as suggested by a resolution in said report,

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

The work of the Board has been continued during the year with evident tokens of divine approval.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

A number of the first missionaries of the Board after having rendered two years' faithful service, retired from the work at the close of the first quarter. These brethren were earnest and successful workers--they live in the affections of the people amongst whom they labored, and their works follow them. Their places with one exception have been filled by others.

#### EXTENSIONS.

Five additional laborers have been put to work during the year--Rev. A. B. Couch in Mobile and Baldwin counties, Rev. J. Fields in the Warrior River, Cherokee and Cedar Bluff Associations, Rev. W. H. Daniel in Rock Mills and Carey Associations, Rev. W. M. Howell in the Judson Association, and Rev. J. I. Stockton in Muscle Shoals Association. A tour made by the Corresponding Secretary in the Tennessee Valley last December opened up the way for locating two pastors at important points in that valley--Rev. Dr. Sumner at Athens, and Rev. T. B. Craighead, at Tusculumbia. The labors of your missionaries have been expended in the bounds of 37 Associations.

Amongst the destitute, more work has been done by the Missionaries than in previous years. Whilst all of them have been mindful of the waste places, a number of them have devoted themselves almost entirely to them. Services have been held at points of destitution 425 times, nor has the work been in vain. The word of life has proven itself the power of God, unto the salvation of many. As an evidence of this, 13 churches have been organized at destitute points during the year.

#### DIFFICULTIES

In extending the work. The first of these arises from the want of co-operation on the part of some Associations. We hope to overcome this by patient continuing in well doing.

Some few churches withhold co operation, because they do not like our plan of work. At a recent gathering of Baptists "the best plan of conducting our Missionary operations" was discussed. There were four



speakers and four different plans were advocated. Brethren forget that in unity there is strength, and that to accomplish the great object we have in view, we must not only work, but work harmoniously together.

Another difficulty has been that of finding suitable men to engage in the work—men who are willing to spend and be spent for the sake of Christ and of souls—men who are willing to forego the pleasures and comforts of home and the society of their loved ones—to make sacrifices such as few are called to make, and to engage in labors almost equal to those of apostolic men of old, with no human reward in view, but that of a meagre and uncertain support. Had it not been for this difficulty, the present number of laborers could have been increased. Had the Board been able to offer a generous and certain support, earnest men could have been brought from other States.

Another difficulty in the way of extension, and which necessitates some modification of the present plan, is this; there are some portions of the State in which the Board is now operating, where owing to causes which we will not here discuss, it is utterly impossible to gather up from the churches, anything like a proper support for the missionaries. Thus where the work amongst the churches is most needed, the laborers are not properly supported.

#### ENCOURAGEMENTS.

The practical results of the year's work are indeed cheering. The organization of 13 churches, 73 prayer-meetings, 96 Sunday-schools and 392 accessions to our churches, the putting of "the Alabama Baptist" in 320 families, these are results that should gladden our hearts and call forth a spirit of devout thankfulness to Him who has owned and blessed our efforts.

Whilst here and there may be found an objector, yet there is a very general desire, that the work may be extended all over the State.

Your missionaries are kindly received by pastors and people, and some of them have had occasionally to preach three times a day to meet the demands of the people.

The receipts of the Board too are encouraging. Though by no means as large as they should be, yet they are in advance of last year, and the contributions come from more Associations than formerly—one Association whose contribution last year to missions was 50 cents, has this year given to State Missions alone \$139.53.

#### RESULT.

Since the inauguration of the work in 1875. Since a change in the plan of operations has been widely discussed, your Board thinks it proper to incorporate in the report what has already been accomplished under the present plan.

Weeks service 1,475, equal to the labors of one man for 28½ years, sermons 5,603, addresses 1,699, accessions to the churches 805, received by letter into pastorless churches 122, restored 22, churches constituted 25, Sunday schools organized about 800, prayer-meetings organized 150, Sunday

school conventions organized 4, ladies' missionary societies organized 12, visits to churches 2598, visits to preaching stations 425, churches meeting every sabbath 273, religious visits 2014, subscribers to the "Alabama Baptist" secured 1454, district meetings attended 30, Association meetings attended 70, deacons assisted in ordaining 64, ministers 9, churches aided in securing pastors 11, collected for Theo. Seminary \$53.25, for Home Mission Board \$519.97, for Foreign Board \$447.72, collected for church repairs \$346.00, for yellow fever sufferers \$12.00, raised for ministerial students in Howard College \$753.10, miles traveled 86,429, expense of the work from January, 1875 to July 1880, \$23,216.88.

Contrast the condition of the denomination five years ago, with what it is to-day. Then the Convention was not a whit larger than many a local Association, now it is the largest religious body that convenes in the State,—then only 11 out of 53 Associations were represented, now there are 27,—then there were other general organizations, which though, not antagonistic to the Convention, yet were not in full harmony with it. Now the tendency in every section of the State is to rally around the Convention. Then the published benevolence of the denomination was \$2,500,—now it is between \$3,000 and \$9,000,—then you had one man doing a general work,—now you have 16,—then you had at most 300 Sunday schools,—now about 1,000,—then there were about 4 or 5 ministerial students in Howard College,—now there are 17,—then it may be safely asserted, that not a man in the denomination knew our numerical strength, the number of our churches or associations,—now we are posted on these points. Five years ago how little was known of the fearful destitution in our State, where a man may travel all day and not see a church building, that there are places where people walk 15 miles to hear the gospel as preached by our missionaries, and that some of them have preached this year to grown men and women who had never heard it before. Such facts as these plainly show that however defective the plan of operations may have been, the work has been successful. We do not claim that these results have been reached alone by your Board, we gladly accord to the "Alabama Baptist" the influence exerted by it, but we believe that all will readily admit that the State Mission Board has been the most potent agency at work.

#### THE FUTURE OF THE WORK

What shall it be? Successful in the past, shall we not make it more so in the future? The field has been explored, our true condition discovered and we are now prepared to go to work intelligently. Encouraged by the past and animated by bright hopes for the future, let us address ourselves with renewed zeal to the work, and like Cæsar of old accounting nothing done whilst any thing remains to be done, let us labor and pray, and give, until the 26 Associations not represented in this body, may be brought into harmony with us, until there shall be no community in Alabama without a gospel church, and until all our churches are live missionary bodies, glorifying Christ by giving freely and regularly of their means to send the gospel to the whole family of man.

Twenty-two missionaries with the Corresponding Secretary have been at work a part or all of the year. The aggregate of the work done is shown by the following:

#### SUMMARY.

Weeks services 615 equal to 11½ years of one man,—sermons 2377,—addresses 684,—baptisms 164,—baptisms in connection with the labors of the missionaries 228,—received by letter into pastorless churches 78,—restored 16,—churches constituted 13,—Sunday schools organized 96,—Sunday school conventions 2,—prayer-meetings organized 73,—ladies'



## COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY WORK.

*In the State appointed as per the Recommendation of the Report of the corresponding Secretary.*

I. T. TICHENOR, Chairman

2. Alabama—J. M. Fortune.
3. Coosa River—J. W. Bishop.
4. Cahaba—W. C. Ward.
5. Tuskegee—W. E. Lloyd.
6. Unity—J. H. Burns.
7. Bethlehem—J. E. Bell.
8. Eufaula—W. N. Reeves.
9. Centennial—S. A. Goodwin.
10. Gulf Coast—G. B. Eager.
11. Liberty North—F. W. Kone.
12. Tuscaloosa—S. B. Foster.
13. Shelby—I. U. Wilkes.
14. Mulberry—J. M. Langston.
15. Bigbee—J. G. Harris.
16. Muscle Shoals—J. Shackelford.
17. Bethel—B. B. Williams.
18. Canaan—A. J. Waldrop.
19. Salem Association—T. H. Stout.
20. Judson—L. B. Sims.
21. Liberty East—W. C. Bledsoe.
22. Zion—P. Moseley.
23. Pine Barren—D. W. Ramsey.
24. Central—J. I. Lamar.
25. Liberty West—S. O. Y. Ray.
26. Union—J. A. Mitchell.

On motion, resolved, that all propositions looking to a change in the State Mission Board be referred to the said committee, and also that the committee have permission to sit during the afternoon session and instructed to report to-morrow morning.

*The report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College* was then read by J. T. Murfee, and the accompanying resolutions appended and adopted, and referred to the Committee on Education, to report at 3 o'clock Friday.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE FOR SESSION OF 1879 AND 1880.

In our last report as printed in the minutes, we were made to say, the indebtedness of Howard College in 1879 was something over \$12,000.00. This should have been printed 1869. The indebtedness of 1879 was about \$2,600.00. We now report it at about \$2,000.00.

During the past session your institution has been attended with divine favor. A faithful discharge of duty, by both faculty and students, has rendered it one of our be in the learned professions or in business walks of life. Compare expenses, not so



most triumphant and prosperous years. Under the influence of a revival of religion in our community, quite a number of the students were brought from nature's darkness into the light of the Gospel, and have put on Christ by baptism. For the extended influence of this gracious revival, much credit is due to the faithful labors of the Theological students in connection with our pastor, Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D.

The President and Faculty have labored with a fidelity unsurpassed for the promotion of every interest of the students. Through the most approved methods of instruction, and a wholesome discipline, the finest results have been attained. Col. Boggs, of Virginia, who was elected during your last session, has proven himself worthy of the high testimonials on which he was elected. He has had charge of the Military, and the department of Chemistry and Natural Science. The military corps was reviewed during the late commencement exercises, by Adjutant General, J. F. White before a large number of visitors, all of whom expressed themselves delighted at the soldierly bearing and thorough training of the cadets. The same faculty have been retained for the ensuing session with the exception of Prof. M. W. Hand resigned. He was elected last year and rendered efficient service.

Since our last report there has been a notable increase in the proportion of Theological students. Previous to this the proportion of benevolaries to pay students has been from one-tenth to one-twelfth. They have now increased to one-fifth. This increase necessitates an appeal to the denomination for an annual appropriation of \$1500, for the purpose of putting another professor in the college to do the additional work thus imposed. The faculty have cheerfully donated their services to this cause—so dear to us all, so long as it could be done without absolutely drawing from their incomes. One of the distinctive features of Howard College that has given it a reputation for so high a grade of scholarship is the personal attention bestowed on students. This cannot be maintained without a proportional increase of faculty to students. We cannot afford to change the character of instruction given without risk of sappling the very foundation of the institution. Without an endowment, and in competition with largely endowed institutions we cannot hope to live unless we furnish a superior order of instruction for about the same amount of money as is required in these institutions. The work that will draw students in the face of any competition is being done. All that we now ask of the Denomination is compensation in some form for benevolary work now being furnished, or that a professor be provided to teach the increasing number of Theological Students.

The Home Department which was established a year ago at no expense to the institution has supplied a want long felt. It consists of a suite of rooms adjacent to the Dining Hall with all the accommodations that could be desired for the welfare of the sick. The matron and housekeeper, who is a lady of experience and Christian culture, resides in this department, and by the general supervision over it and the dining hall, we have imparted to the College a homelike air and influence which contributes to the health and comfort of the students, and exercises a fine moral influence upon them. In addition to this outlay much new furniture has been bought, many of the rooms, and all of the roof repainted, and the property generally kept in a good state of preservation.

While the Baptists of this State claim to have under their fostering care an institution of learning, they should see that it is of that high grade of character that will command their respect, their admiration and what patronage they are able to influence. In Howard College we believe all these requisites are to be found. Yet we find Baptist patronage from communities where our ministry are well informed going, elsewhere. All this is certainly due to ignorance of the character of our institution and a lukewarmness on the part of those who should be alive to every interest of the Denomination. If it be from the want of information, the proper means should be employed for the enlightening of the people. Let the matter be talked of in public and in private, show its merits by its fruits. Place in contrast its graduates and those who have received its impress, with those of other institutions whether they be in the learned professions or in the business walks of life. Compare expenses not so

much by such rates as are usually published in college catalogues as by actual expenses. For outside of the items put down in the catalogue there may be many others arising from the needs and local surroundings of the Student. Where parents have sent one son to Howard College and another elsewhere as they thought for economy, we don't know of an instance but that it was demonstrated, that the economy was in favor of Howard College. As Baptists, considering one of our most vital interests, it is our duty to have these matters investigated and ventilated. If this were done the number of secular students would be so materially increased that it would not be necessary for us to ask that a professor be furnished to teach the Theological Students. In deed, we believe the same effort in the associations for the one as for the other, would keep the proportion not greater than one-tenth as it has been for years.

Judge Jas. F. Bailey hereby tenders his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. W. WILKERSON,  
President Board of Trustees.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Resolved that an appeal be addressed to the Baptists of Alabama urging the churches and associations to raise an ample fund to cover the expenses of Ministerial Students in Howard College, stating in the appeal the amount of money necessary to meet the expenses of a student.

Resolved further that our Baptist people throughout the State be urged in the said appeal to send their sons to Howard College and exert their influence to induce others to patronize that institution.

W. C. CLEVELAND,  
S. HENDERSON,  
E. T. WINKLER,  
A. J. WALDROP,  
W. C. WARD.  
Committee.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute was read by E. T. Winkler, and referred to the Committee on education to report Friday afternoon.

*Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute—Session. 1879 and 1880.*

The Forty-Second session of the Judson Institute closed on the 17th day of June, 1880. The number of pupils registered during the session was one hundred and twenty-three. Of this number there were in the Excelsior Class 6; in the Collegiate Department 74; in the Prim. and Prep. department 43; in the Art department 41; in the Music department 66; Boarding pupils 63; day 60. Eleven young ladies received diplomas on Commencement Day. Three gold medals were awarded, one to Miss Ella Murphree, of Troy, Ala., for excellence in Art; one to Miss Mollie Bondurant, of Marion, Ala., for excellence on the Piano, and one to Miss Minnie Goodwin of Selma, Ala., for excellence on the Organ.

We throw out the suggestion that the friends of the Judson would do a good service to the Institution and to the cause of Education, if they would combine to give at the close of each session Gold Medals to such pupils as show special excellence in the various schools of the Institu-

tution. Who will start the good work, which has been so generously carried forward by liberal friends in other institutions of learning?

The number of boarders last session was larger than at any time during the previous ten years. This necessitated a considerable expense for repairs and new furniture. New pianos and new organs, of the best make were also purchased. All the bed rooms were newly carpeted. We thus spent something over \$2,500.00 in adding to the conveniences, the comforts and appliances of the Institution. While we regard it as unusually well equipped, it is our purpose to make it from year to year increasingly more worthy of your patronage.

The general health during the past session was excellent. We believe it would be difficult to find any large institution whose sanitary regulations are better. Constant and well directed care is given to the neatness and cleanliness of the building and premises, to regular hours of work, recreation and sleep, and to a full supply of varied and well prepared food. A large and well arranged garden supplies an abundance of fresh vegetables in their season, a good housekeeper attends personally to every detail of the cuisine department, and a conscientious matron looks after the health of the pupils.

The President has been assisted by a corps of excellent teachers. The result of their faithful labors, as seen in the examinations and exercises of commencement week, elicited the highest commendations of patrons and friends.

There has been but little demand for discipline, in the ordinary sense of the term. Appeals to conscience, to the better sensibilities of the heart, a constant presentation of the beauty, and worth, and reward of an upright, amiable deportment; these means have realized the happiest results. An earnest yet cheerful religious influence has been apparent during the session. Sixteen of the pupils were baptized by the pastor of Siloam Church. While the main design of the institution is the culture of the mind, it welcomes and fosters every influence which seeks the growth of piety and salvation of the soul.

A beautiful, refined, christian happy home, where cultivated and pious teachers exert a moulding influence; where physical strength and grace may be developed; where the powers of the mind may be unfolded and trained; where the nobler affections and aspirations of the soul may be encouraged and strengthened, such is the ideal which the managers of the Judson are trying to reach. In this great work they need, they ask for the confidence, the sympathy and the patronage of our Baptist brotherhood, and find that they do not ask too much. They ask for that which can be given, and which if generously given, will enable them to make the Judson all that its most ardent friends could desire.

PORTER KING,  
President Board of Trustees.

Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Phillips until 3 o'clock.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3 O'CLOCK

The Convention re-assembled and after devotional exercises conducted by T. H. Stout for half an hour, Z. A. Owens read the *Report on Home Missions*.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We have reason for profound gratitude to Almighty God for what has been accomplished in the past through the Home Mission Board. That God has signally blessed this agency for the dissemination of the glorious gospel of the blessed God must be readily admitted by all who have considered what has been done during so short a time.

In almost all of our Southern States, and in the Indian Nations strong and efficient churches have been established. We need but call to mind the influential churches in Washington, Richmond, Atlanta, Galveston, New Orleans, and many other important centres, to form some idea of the work this Board has accomplished. But while much has been accomplished there still remains much land to be possessed.

The home field is widening, and there is still very great destitution. Our Corresponding Secretary is receiving almost constant appeals for help from almost all parts of the South.

This great destitution we think can only be supplied through the Home Mission Board, and it becomes us as Southern Baptists to pour in to the treasury of the Board more liberally of our means in the future than we have done in the past.

It must be a matter for regret that the receipts of the Board during the past year have been much less than in some former years. True this can be accounted for partly from the fact that there has been a multiplication of State Boards, and these have more or less divided the funds expended upon the home field.

#### CHINESE MISSION IN CALIFORNIA.

During the past year the Board appointed Rev. J. B. Hartwell missionary to the Chinese in California. Already Bro. Hartwell is beginning to see the fruits of his labors. Last February he baptized one into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church in San Francisco. He expects soon to organize a Chinese church.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS.

Rev. W. F. Buckner is pressing vigorously on in the work in the Creek Nation, assisted by four native preachers who are also doing a good work.

Another very encouraging feature among the Indians, is the Manual Labor School. This people are becoming alive to the importance of education. The school promises to be a great success.



## MISSIONS IN THE STATE.

Encouraging reports come to us from all our missionaries in the State

A general summary of the work as given in the last annual report of our Corresponding Secretary. Weeks of labor 1,091 churches supplied 65, other stations 54, sermons preached 2,580, addresses delivered 1,027, prayer and other religious meetings attended 999, baptized 275, received by letter 215, restored 111, professed conversion, but not baptized by missionary 284, Sunday schools 65, pupils 1706, teachers 179, pupils converted 69, teachers converted 15, pages of tracts distributed 8,660, bibles and testaments distributed 174, houses of worship built 7, religious visits 2731, miles traveled 48,338.

Your committee regret that the Home Board have been enabled to do so little for the evangelization of the colored people, scarcely any contributions having been given to their treasury for this purpose. We would urge upon the churches a more liberal provision for this important interest in connection with the agencies of the Home Mission Board.

Our Treasurer's report for this year shows the total receipts to be \$20,624.30. Of this sum, Alabama has contributed \$1,108.

Alabama was formerly among the most liberal supporters of this Board, not unfrequently leading all the other States in her contributions, both before and since the war. But there has of late years been a sad decline. Can not there be something done to bring the Baptists up to at least an approximation of the old figures, when she gave from \$4,000 to \$8,000. Last year Va. gave \$2,100, this year she proposes to give \$4,000. Can not Alabama do as much? We earnestly recommend that the Baptists of Alabama this year raise at least \$4,000.

Respectfully,

Z. A. OWENS, Chairman.

Which was discussed by W. N. Reeves, J. H. Hendon, M. T. Sumner, E. T. Winkler, S. Henderson, M. G. Hudson, B. H. Crumpton, when by leave, a cash collection amounting to \$43.40 was taken up and the report adopted after amendment.

*The Amendments to articles first and fourth of the Constitution submitted at last session, which were thereby changed so as to read as follows:*

ARTICLE I.—This body shall be known by the name of "The Baptist State Convention of Alabama;" and shall be composed of delegates from Baptist Associations and Churches, and from Missionary or other Benevolent Societies; and such brethren as may be appointed to official service at any session at which they may be present, provided that such delegates shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing.

ARTICLE IV.—The Secretary shall make a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and soon after the rising of

each regular meeting of the body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the *Minutes* of the same of which he shall preserve a file— which file shall constitute the authentic record of the Convention. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the body. For his services he may receive a reasonable compensation

The printing of the minutes of the Convention, and the compensation of the Secretary, shall be paid for by a prorata taken from the funds sent for the various objects fostered by this body each year.

The report of S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer of the Convention for the last year, was read, adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes.

S. H. FOWLKES, TREASURER.

FLOWERS, TREASURER,  
 In account with ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

## FOREIGN MISSION.

Aug. 15	To Cash and voucher from Finance Com.....	\$65 53
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To Cash and Voucher from Finance Committee.....	\$63 20
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Dec. 6	By Cash H. A. Tupper Recept.....	\$48 70
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" Amount paid H. A. Tupper July 30, 1878 for

acct. Ann Hazeltine Society.....	16 58
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## HOME MISSION

Aug. 15	To amount from Finance Committee.....	\$18 00
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By W. H. McIntosh Corresponding Secretary... 26 38

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SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Aug. 15	To cash from Finance Committee.....	4 00
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### GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Aug. 15	To cash from Finance Committee.....	30 75
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July 12 By B. B. Davis Recpt.....	30 75
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## STATE MISSION BOARD

Aug. 15	To cash and vouchers from Finance Com.	\$396 75
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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF the ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE  
CONVENTION

BRETHREN:

I herewith present you with my annual report as Treasurer of your body, showing receipts and disbursements for the past fiscal year, leaving a balance in my hands of four dollars, due to the account of superannuated ministers, which is subject to your order. Respectfully submitted

Fraternally yours,

S. H. FOLKES, Treasurer

After prayer by Z. D. Roby, the Convention adjourned until to-night.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Josephus Shackelford, D. D., of Trinity. Text: "For we are laborers together with God."—I Cor. 3:9. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."—2 Cor. 6:1.

The theme was well chosen, and the discourse throughout was earnest and practical.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

After a half hour's devotional exercises, conducted by J. L. Sampey, the Convention was called to order by the President, and the regular business resumed.

I. T. Tichenor, Chairman of the *Committee on the Report of the State Mission Board*, made his report, which was the Special Order for this hour:

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention.* The Committee to which was referred the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board and the resolution adopted by the Convention under which this Committee was appointed, beg to report that the matters referred have received the careful consideration of the Committee.

Looking over the whole field covered by the report of the work done by the State Missionary Board, there is every cause of commendation and of gratitude and nothing to condemn. From so small a beginning what great things have resulted. We cannot well see how more could have been accomplished with the means at the disposal of the Board; the wonder is that so much has been done. But for the suggestion in the report that the success achieved pointed to greater efforts and a more enlarged work, it would seem wise to leave undisturbed a plan which has been operated so successfully. Acting however, upon the suggestion that greater results can be achieved with less expenditure of labor and personal inconvenience to the Missionaries and the Secretary, after a full consideration of the plans suggested to the Committee, the fol

lowing is recommended for the consideration of the State Convention.

1st That the State Missionary work be conducted as heretofore by the State Mission Board.

2nd. That the entire Missionary work, State, Home and Foreign, and the collection of funds for the beneficiaries of the Howard College, and for the maintenance of Theological students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in the State of Alabama, be entrusted to the State Board; that all collections made for any one of these enterprises be remitted through the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, and where churches, associations, or societies, prefer to remit directly to the Home and Foreign Boards, they be and are requested to notify the Secretary of what has been done, so that he can keep an account of the receipts and disbursements for and on account of the mission work done by the Baptists of the State of Alabama.

3. That from all the moneys collected by or passing through the Board, such per centage be deducted as will be necessary to pay the current expenses of the Board and the salary of the Corresponding Secretary.

4. That all the pastors in the State be requested to co-operate with the Board in this general missionary work--that to that end the pastors are advised to adopt, or have their churches to adopt, a plan of raising money systematically, to meet the expenses of the Board in the employment of missionaries, and for the Home and Foreign Boards, and that the pastors here assembled, as an earnest of what it is hoped will generally be done, pledge themselves, in all their churches, to engage in the work above suggested.

5. That the manner in which the work to be done shall be performed, the number of missionaries to be employed, the time for which they shall be employed, the character of the work to be done and whether in any particular district an agent shall be employed to raise money, or to do a particular work--all shall be entrusted to the discretion and best judgement of the Board.

6. That as one of the means of accomplishing the evangelization of the State, the Board be entrusted with the dissemination of religious literature, and such other agencies as they may select, amongst the people by means of the missionaries. As a method of advancing religious knowledge and of promoting the enterprises of the Baptists in the State, that the Board urge pastors to put the "Alabama Baptist" and the "Foreign Mission Journal" in the hands of all their membership.

7. In order to facilitate the meetings of the Board, and to more easily supervise the work to be done, ascertained by the experience of the present Board and as suggested by the Board, it is recommended that the place of the meeting of the Board be changed to Selma, and that in the reorganization of the Board a quorum be selected of brethren residing in Selma.

8. That in as much as the present engagements of the Board do not expire until November, 1880, it is recommended that the Convention

now raise a sum sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Board including the salary of the Corresponding Secretary until that time. In the mean time the pastors can organize their part of the work.

The adoption of the following resolution is recommended.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention of the Baptists of Alabama are due and hereby tendered to the State Mission Board, the Corresponding Secretary and the Missionaries of the Board, for the glorious work that has been accomplished and that we say unto them, WELL DONE! They have been faithful in the great work committed to them, and we feel assured they will be faithful to the end.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. T. TICHENOR, Chairman

Dr. Graddock, 5.00 paid; J. H. Ray 10.00 paid; A. Andrews 10.00 paid; J. Snackelford 25.00 paid 5.00; Mrs. W. D. Chipley, Pensacola, 4.00 paid; Dr. J. H. Williamson 10.00 paid; cash collection 19.45 paid; Union Spring 20.00 paid; Sarlis 10.00 paid; Northport 30.00 paid; Tuskegee and Cusseta 100.00 paid 10.00; Pleasant Grove & Marion 30.00 paid; Union 1.55 paid; Providence 25.00 paid; Union Springs (old) 70.00; Union Spring 100.00; Marion 100.00; St. Francis St. Mobile 100.00; Uchee 25.00; Montgomery First 100.00; Selma 100.00; Alpine 50.00; Eastala 100.00; Opelika 100.00; Troy and T. H. Stout's other churches 50.00; Auburn 50.00; Greenville 50.00; Snow Hill 50.00; Evergreen 25.00; Tallahassee and Harpersville 50.00; W. E. Lloyd's churches 50.00; B. J. Skinner's churches 50.00; E. F. Baber's churches 50.00; W. S. Roger's churches 50.00; Palmetto St. Mobile 25.00; J. M. Fortune's churches 50.00; J. S. Paulina's churches — — Birmingham 10.00 J. A. Mitchell's churches — — N. B. Williams' churches 100.00.

E. T. Winkler presented the subject most ably, and was followed by F. M. Bailey, E. F. Baber, S. Henderson, J. L. Sampsey, I. T. Tichenor, J. J. D. Renfro, B. H. Crumpton, J. O. Arison, W. N. Reeves, B. Manly and W. C. Ward.

On an opportunity being offered for the purpose, the following pledges and cash subscriptions were made:

When the reports and accompanying resolution were severally adopted.

After prayer by Basil Manly the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, Thursday 3 P. M.

A half hour's devotional exercises, led by E. F. Baber, and participated in by W. H. DeWitt and J. G. McCaskoy, was held, after which the regular order was resumed.

The Convention, sitting as a Committee of the Whole "*on the state of Religion in the State*," addresses were made by the Evangelists of the State Mission Board who were present and others, viz: W. B. Crumpton, W. H. DeWitt, W. Pritchett, J. I. Stockton, A. F. Sims and W. C. Cleveland, and after a collection to meet the pressing necessities of J. E. Cox, amounting



to \$54.45, the Committee on the Whole rose at 5 45 and the Convention resumed its business.

On motion, Resolved, That an opportunity be offered to Pastors now present to pledge themselves to take up periodical collections in their Churches for Missions, Foreign, Home and State, and for the education of young ministers, of which opportunity the Pastors in the Convention availed themselves by affixing their signatures to the following pledge :

"We whose names are hereto subscribed, as pastors of Baptist churches in Alabama, hereby agree to present the claims and take up collections periodically in our charges, or at such times as may be esteemed most convenient for the various objects cherished by our State Convention, viz.: State Missions and Ministerial Education, and for the objects of the Southern Baptist Convention, viz. Home and Foreign Missions, and to report results to the Board of State Missions."

Members of the Convention, not Pastors, rose at their seats as evidence of their promise to co-operate with Pastors in the same work.

J. M. Phillips made a verbal report of the Alabama Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa, in behalf of the President, Prof. A. K. Yancey, who could not be present at the Convention. He invited those who had daughters to educate, to consider the claims of that excellent institution.

The following Committees were appointed by the President :

*Committee on Time and Place for the Next Meeting and to Appoint the Preacher of the Next Convention Sermon.*—W. B. Crumpton, J. J. D. Renfro, H. S. D. Mallory D. P. Bestor, J. T. Murfee.

*Committee to Nominate the State Mission Board.*—E. J. Forrester, J. W. Bishop, W. B. Crumpton, E. F. Baber, W. S. Rogers

After prayer by Z. A. Owens, the Convention adjourned until 8 1-2 p. m.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 8:30 P. M.

Re-assembled and opened with singing and prayer by Jos. A. Howard.

The special order, the *Report on Sabbath Schools*, was read by J. G. Harris.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is beyond the scope of the finite mind to comprehend the vast amount of social, moral and religious benefits resulting from Sabbath Schools. None can deny that powerful influences are exerted through the agency of these well organized systems. Strange in deed

is it, that any opposition should have ever existed to such organizations. Yet such is the fact. It is however gratifying to the Christian that all opposition is fast giving way to a higher and more exalted influence. The foundation of all good finds its resting place upon the Bible. Hence the important lessons taught in the Sabbath Schools have been the means of developing a purer civilization, and creating in the minds of its votaries, antagonisms to despotic rule in church or State.

The great forces brought to bear upon the minds of children through such agencies, are fraught with incalculable blessings. It prepares the young to receive the impressions of truth that emanate from the divine mind, and guides them into the paths of virtue and morality. It is a mighty engine in eliminating error and restoring virtue—civil government is made more permanent, and the rights and liberties of a free people more secure. Through its teachings, wickedness is unveiled, vice exposed, and the better qualities of the human intellect and human heart are educated and disciplined for a higher and nobler sphere of action.

To mould and shape the young mind into a moral, symmetrical form, is one of its noblest and grandest achievements. When this is done, humanity is blessed, advanced, society elevated, and God honored.

Your committee have no statistics from which to compile a tabular statement showing the number and condition of the Sabbath Schools in Alabama; for this information we refer to the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board. We are of the opinion that the Sabbath School cause is increasing in interest and perfection. This is said by some to be the centenary year of Sabbath Schools; whether this be a fact or not, nevertheless, it has produced greater activity and interest in many parts of America and Europe if we are to judge from the many Sunday School mass meetings and celebrations that are being held.

Your committee believing that the Sabbath Schools should be nurtured and fostered by every church and every member of our denomination would recommend and urge upon every one who has "named the name of Christ," to give their aid, encouragement and prayers in behalf of this cause, and we are impressed with the conviction that it will redound to our good, the happiness of the people, and advancement of the church militant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. HARRIS, Chrm'n.

Discussed by B. F. Riley, D. P. Bestor, S. A. Goodwin, J. G. Harris, and adopted, after which the Convention adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow with prayer by J. E. Bell.

(NOTE.—J. M. Phillips, of Tuscaloosa, preached in the Methodist church to-night to accommodate the overflowing congregation.)

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Rogers for half hour, after which the Convention resumed business.

The following communication from the Ann Hazeltine Society was read and ordered spread on the minutes:

THE ANN HAZELTINE SOCIETY, of the Judson Female Institute.  
To the Alabama Baptist Convention. Sendeth Greeting :

The work of another Conventional year has passed; its trials and triumphs have been recorded. During this year the area of your work has been enlarged; its aim has been better understood, its friends have been multiplied, its successes have stirred the indolent and strengthened the faint-hearted, and intensified the convictions and the purposes of its steadfast supporters. As a small factor, our society rejoices, and renews with freshened ardor its pledge of co-operation. Organized, as its name implies, to be specially tributary to the work of the Foreign Mission Board, it has made a beginning in the direction of State Missions, purposing to keep this important department of Christian labor prominent in its meetings. We have contributed during the year for Foreign Missions \$30.00; for Domestic Missions \$9.00; for State Missions \$9.00, amounting to \$48.00.

We send as our delegate to represent us in your body, our esteemed President, Rev. L. R. Gwaltney.

May the blessings of the God of Missions attend all your counsels and plans.

LULA WILKER, President.

By SALLIE LEE, Secretary.

A communication from the Colored Baptist State Convention of Alabama, explaining 1st, the work of the Convention, the spread of the Gospel, Sunday-school work, education. The colored Baptists have established a Normal and Theological school at Selma, which is in a prosperous condition. The property of the school and improvements cost \$4,000, and is paid for. 2nd, The aims of the Convention. 3rd, A request for encouragement and aid from the white Convention, was read and the communication was referred to the Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored Race.

The regular order of business was the *Report of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers*, which was then read and discussed by T. H. Watts, after which prayer was offered by I. T. Tichonor, when discussion was resumed by J. G. Harris, W. S. Rogers, A. R. Starke, W. E. Lloyd, E. F. Baber, D. W. Ramsey, J. I. Stockton, D. P. Bestor, B. Manly, S. A. Goodwin, I. T. Tichonor, J. G. Harris, J. J. D. Renfroe, Jos. Shackelford, J. O. Hixson, J. M. Phillips, J. R. Hawthorne, and fifty dollars was pledged by D. P. Bestor, fifty by J. C. Bush and fifty by T. H. Watts, for the work.

#### SUPPORT OF AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The Alabama State Convention at its last session unanimously decided to place the Provisions for aged and infirm ministers, and the widows



and orphans of deceased ministers among the benevolent objects fostered by the Denomination.

Your Committee are glad to report that a goodly number of Associations have entered heartily into the project, and have appointed committees to procure funds, and to report to their respective bodies which are to convene this fall.

Under these circumstances the report of your committee must necessarily be meagre. We have nothing definite to report, but consider that the attention the subject is receiving is encouraging. We would urge upon every Association and church in the State to take action in regard to this important enterprise. We would especially request each Association to ascertain the number of aged and infirm Ministers, within its bounds, and to report the same to the Convention at its next session.

The Scripture pertinently asks, "Who goeth to war at his own charges?" But the support of the soldier during war is no more obligatory than his support after a life-long endurance of hardness as a good soldier has bereft him of youth, vigor, and health, to bear the heat and burden of the day. Common justice and humanity, not to speak of gratitude, call loudly upon every Baptist in the State, to sustain the veterans who have fought our battles, and to care for the widows and orphans of those who have fallen in our cause.

In France the magnificent Hotel des Invalides furnishes an honorable retreat for old soldiers, and attests the nation's sense of obligation to those who have worn themselves out in her service. England owes her greatness chiefly to her navy, and the noblest hospital in the world—Greenwich, the home of aged and disabled seamen—shows the the nation's gratitude.

The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. Let us imitate and profit by their example.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. BROWN.

Resolved, That J. G. Harris B. B. Davis, W. C. Ward, D. P. Bestor and B. M. Townsend be appointed a committee to report to this Convention a plan for permanent organization to provide for aged and infirm Ministers.

Resolved, That B. Manly be requested to speak first on the subject of Ministerial Education to-night.

Resolved, That T. H. Watts and E. T. Winkler are requested to furnish a copy of their addresses delivered before this Convention to the "Alabama Baptist" for publication.

Closed with prayer by B. Manly.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

The devotional exercises were conducted by G. D. Benton,

when the regular order, the report of the *Committee on Education*, was read by Jos. Shackelford ;

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The spirit of Education is abroad in the land. The people generally are waking up on this subject, as is evidenced by the multiplication of educational institutions in all parts of our country. In the increased interest manifested in the cause of education, and especially ministerial education, we are gratified to know that Baptists are not behind any other people. The flourishing and well endowed (educational) institutions of other States, and our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., are witnesses that we, as a denomination at large, are alive to the importance of education, especially ministerial education. While much has been done by the Baptists of Alabama in this direction,—while this Convention has ever manifested a most earnest desire to build up and maintain denominational schools, yet we regret to say, that owing to various causes not now necessary to repeat, we have not accomplished as much as we desired. It is unprofitable now to complain of the past, and its lost opportunities. Let us improve the present, and see that our institutions of learning are fully equal to the great and growing demands made upon them.

From the reports of the various institutions under the fostering care of this Convention, we are gratified to learn of their increased prosperity since our last session. We are proud of our Baptist schools in Alabama. Without endowment, depending for support upon the patronage they get, they are certainly doing well in maintaining themselves. In looking at the work that Howard College, the Judson Female Institute and the Alabama Central Female College at Tusculooa, have done, and are doing, we are convinced that the Baptists of Alabama, have in these institutions, engines of power and influence in developing their strength, second only to the preached Gospel. Your Committee are firmly of the opinion that our denominational schools are necessary to the growth of our principles and consequent growth of our denomination and interests. A denominational school gives strength to the denomination that sustains it. It supplies its preachers and its professional men. As an evidence of this, we have only to refer to a few facts. The church of England was founded upon Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and its ministers were educated at these institutions, which were eminently of a denominational character. In our own country, Presbyterians regard Princeton as the source of their power and influence. Their ministry have in a great measure been educated there. Brown University has greatly enhanced the power and influence of Baptists at the North, and even in the South, by the eminent and learned men she has sent out. Georgia, the banner State of the South, so far as Baptist strength and growth are concerned, has attained this high position, through her Mercer University, a denominational school. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has exerted a wonderful and most healthy influence upon our denomination in the South, in the improvement of our rising ministry. The present position of power and influence of our denomination in Alabama is largely

due to the work of our own Howard College. We might multiply examples of this character, but these will suffice to show that denominational institutions of learning have always a great influence in moulding the character and directing the work of a religious denomination. In truth, we may say that in each State of our country, the progress of our denomination has been commensurate with the work of its literary and theological institutions. Again—there is a general demand for an educated ministry, and consequently an absolute necessity for supplying this demand. There is also an increasing demand for schools where our sons and daughters can be brought under the influence of pure morals and Christian faith. There is a demand for educated Christian men and women to serve as teachers in the schools and academies throughout the land. This demand can best be supplied by denominational schools. The influence of newspapers and books is paramount, if religion is to prevail in our country and exert its influence over the reading public, pious writers must be trained and educated in denominational schools. In this period of intellectual culture, when we all acknowledge that mind is the gift of God, and recognize our obligation to improve it; when we see what a wide influence is exerted by a Christian character and a cultivated intellect, it is indispensable that the pen and the pulpit should advance simultaneously. No denomination can exert its just influence among men when this necessity is not provided for. It affords your Committee pleasure to be able to state that the noble institutions, both male and female, under your fostering care are meeting the wants suggested. This is emphatically true as regards Howard College. It furnishes secular education of a high order, by means of its physical appliances and by means of an able and laborious faculty, who impart thorough and practical instruction and who have laid out a broad and comprehensive course of study. The ability of this college has been shown in the character of those who have been educated there and who have distinguished themselves in the various professions in which they have successfully engaged. Again, Howard College in furnishing an education adapted to the needs of the young ministry of the State, because the instruction given, aims at practical and immediate results. The wants of the denomination being so satisfactorily supplied by this institution it is rapidly increasing in popularity. Your Committee, however, would urge upon the denomination the importance of supporting still more liberally this school; send your sons here to be educated; use your influence in securing pupils for it. While our pastors are striving to build up their churches and have pledged themselves to aid the great Mission work in which this Convention is engaged, let them not forget that upon the success of the Howard will depend much of the prosperity of the denomination in the State and the advance of its Mission work.

It is most desirable that this College should be endowed. There is an imperative necessity that an endowment fund for at least one Chair should be raised in a short time. The increased number of Theological students at the Howard, without a corresponding increase in the number of teachers, makes it bear very hard upon the present faculty. They

give more than their equitable share towards the education of these young men. We think that the churches and associations which agree to pay the board of the Theological students should also pay a portion of their tuition. If this is not done, this denomination will have to raise money to pay the salary of another teacher, or only a limited number of young ministers can be received in the college. As to the present wants of the college in the way of teachers, we would recommend that the trustees take such steps as in their judgement they may think best. They have done so well in the past in managing the interests of this institution, that we, as a Convention, are satisfied to leave the matter with them, pledging ourselves to co-operate with them in any plan they may desire for the more enlarged success of the College.

JOS. SHACKELFORD,

I. T. TICHENOR,

J. T. MURFEE,

Committee.

and discussed by G. B. Eager, J. J. D. Renfroe, I. T. Tichenor, B. H. Crumpton, E. T. Winkler, T. H. Watts, S. Henderson, S. A. Goodwin, and adopted.

After discussion by S. Henderson, B. Manly, S. A. Goodwin, J. L. West, J. O. Hixson, Jos. Shackelford, E. F. Baber, B. H. Crumpton,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that at an early day an effort be made by the Board of Trustees to endow a professorship in Howard College of at least twenty-five thousand dollars. J. L. West and C. R. Cross each give \$500.00, and B. H. Crumpton gives —, payable \$100.00 on 1st January every year.

Adjourned with prayer by J. J. D. Renfroe.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:30.

Opened with prayer by E. J. Forrester.

The special order for the night was the discussion of the subject of "*Ministerial Education*"; opened by A. B. Woodfin and continued by B. Manly.

The *Committee to report on time and place for the next meeting of the Convention*, reported to meet with the First Baptist church at Troy on WEDNESDAY (13TH) BEFORE THE SECOND SABBATH IN JULY, 1881, which report was adopted.

(To prevent confusion, this part of the minutes has been changed so as to show what was the subsequent action of the Convention.)

The president then announced the following Standing Committees to report next year:

*On Foreign Missions.*—M. G. Hudson, T. W. Fobey, L. R. Sims, C. D. Woodruff, James Cody, J. M. Hickman, W. L. Ward, H. D. Boyd.

*On Home Missions.*—J. W. Bishop, D. P. Bestor, J. L. Sanpey, A. T. Sims, Lewis Finch, R. S. Higgins, B. L. Hibbard, J. E. Deer.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—H. S. D. Mallory, W. F. Kone, B. F. Raley, A. B. Starke, G. T. Green, Wm. Thornton, R. M. Burt, J. O. Mallory.

*On Education.*—† R. Farnham, F. B. Moodie, Mike Cody, J. M. Phillips, J. E. Bell, G. D. Benton, A. W. Beverly, Wm. Ivey, J. C. Bush.

*On Evangelization of the Colored Race.*—J. P. Hubbard, Jas. O. Wright, S. B. Foster, W. C. Ward, O. J. Bowen, A. J. Robinson, A. J. Waldrop.

*On Aged and Infirm Ministers.*—G. B. Eager, T. H. Stout, Samuel Henderson, R. H. Molton, B. G. Farmer, Lewis Johnson, J. H. Williamson, T. H. Watts.

Resolved, That the State Mission Board be and it is hereby instructed to publish to the Baptists of Alabama, at the earliest day practicable, an exposition of its understanding of the duties committed to it by this Convention.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, after prayer.

(NOTE—G. B. Eager, of Mobile, preached in the Methodist church to-night.)

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Reassembled and after appropriate devotional exercises by J. F. Bledsoe, the following resolutions were severally discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That an appeal be addressed to the Baptists of Alabama, urging the churches and associations to raise an ample fund to cover the expenses of ministerial students in Howard College, stating the amount of money necessary to meet the expenses of a student.

Resolved further, That our Baptist people throughout the State be urged in the said appeal to send their sons to Howard



College and exert their influence to incite others to patronize that institution.

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend to the State Mission Board to, at an early day, take into consideration the propriety of inaugurating a system of Colportage in the State of Alabama in connection with the State Mission Work.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Columbus, Miss., Thursday, May 7th, 1881, reported the following list:

I T Tichenor, W C Cleveland, M F Sumner, Z D Roby, J J D Renfro, S Henderson, J Haralson, T M Bailey, N B Williams, L W Lawler, T W Tobey, B B Davis, Porter King, E T Winkler, L R Gwaltney, D M Seals, J D Roquemore, B F Riley, J T Murfee, J H Foster, J E Foster, J A Howard, H C Taul, R C Keeble, W W Wilkerson, J L West, I C Brown, O D Woodruff, P B Brown, J K Ryan, Col L M Stone, S A Goodwin, G B Eager, W A Davis, Z A Owens, E J Forrester, J M Phillips, B H Crumpton, J H Hendon, A B Woodfin, L L Belsher, J D Cook, W F Pond, Dr J H Williamson, W B Crumpton, M G Hudson, O E Thames, D P Bestor, A P Bush, Joseph Shackelford, J Gunn, W E Lloyd, J I Stockton, E T Smyth, W C Ward, L R Sims, J H McGuire, Jno Gilbert, J C Huckabee, T H Stout, W F Kone, L B Harbin, W B Appling, F D Hale, Mell Nuckles, J H McDuff, G T Greene, J F Appling, H H Brown, N H Brown, C E Rice, M L Stensel, J B Eddens, B B Williams, D Monasco, J A Mitchell, Marion Cain, S O Y Ray.

J G HARRIS, G D BENTON,

P L MOSELEY, J C WRIGHT,

F A LEE, W PRITCHETT,

Committee,

On motion the names of the Committee were added to the above delegation.

Resolved, That the State Board of Missions instruct their Missionaries to induce, as far as possible, young men to attend Howard College, and especially those of Baptist families, and that the number thus influenced by them to attend the College be reported to the Board, as a part of the work done.

The Report of the Committee to nominate a State Mission Board, to be located at Selma, was adopted:

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W C Cleveland, President; T M Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Jon Haralson, W C Ward, R C Keeble, T S Bowen, H S D Mallory, H A Haralson, J H Burns, J J D Renfro, A B Woodfin, E T Winkler, L W Lawler.

The following Resolutions on *Sabbath Desecration* were presented, discussed by J Shackelford, I T. Tiebenor, E T Winkler, S Henderson, J G Harris, J E Boll and B H Crumpton, and adopted:

Whereas, The violations of the holy Sabbath day by Railroad companies is a growing evil, depriving their employees of necessary rest and the privileges of the sanctuary, and in its tendency is demoralizing, And Whereas, our State authorities have by legislation acknowledged the binding force of God's law in reference to observance of the Sabbath upon a portion of our citizens and have enacted laws which inflict a punishment upon them, And, Whereas, we deem it unjust to discriminate in the enactment of laws between any class of our citizens and great corporations.

Therefore, Resolved, That the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, representing a large and influential denomination of christians do most solemnly protest against the running of passenger, freight and excursion trains by the various railroad companies in the State on the Sabbath day, who thus violate that holy day with impunity, while the citizen who may open his store or his workshop, or plow in his field is liable to be punished. We believe that our legislature should at its next session enact a law which should apply to all classes of our people and to railroads and other corporations, alike in respect to the observance of the Sabbath.

Resolved 2nd. That a committee of five be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to draw up a memorial to our next legislature, petitioning that body in behalf of this Convention and the people it represents, to pass laws prohibiting or limiting as far as is compatible with the constitution and laws of the United States Railroad companies from running their passenger, freight and excursion trains on Sunday, and also Steamboat excursions, and forcing their employees to do servile work on that day.

Resolved 3rd. That the pastors of our churches are requested to circulate petitions to the legislature for the same purpose, among their own people and in their neighborhood for signatures, and get as many signers as possible, and forward such petition with names attached, to the chairman of the committee raised by the above resolution.

Resolved 4th. That we invite the co-operation of christians of all names in this effort.

The President appointed the following, as the Committee under the resolutions:

E T Winkler, I T Tiebenor, S Henderson, G R Farnham and J W Bishop.

The regular order of business, *The Report on Foreign Missions*, was then proceeded with in the reading of the Report:

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

When we remember who it was who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and under what circumstances he uttered these memorable words of command, we learn with surprise that there are those who bear the christian name, who have but little or no interest in Foreign Missions.

A slight acquaintance with the workings of the system will satisfy any candid mind that the sole purpose of the entire movement is to obey the injunction so impressively made.

Any body of professed christians which deliberately sets itself up as opponent to the Saviour may expect, but little sympathy and encouragement from his well informed and sincere disciples.

Yet there may be an apathy upon the subject which practically works as disastrously as a pronounced and open opposition. It would seem that all that would be necessary to present to the true Christian would be the fact that Christ had commanded the carrying on of an enterprise to enlist in that work his sympathies, prayers and efforts.

"Urge the Christians to send Missionaries to your people that they may be enlightened and converted," said one to a man who had once bowed down to idols, but who was then rejoicing in his love to his Savior:

"Did not Jesus command his disciples to go and preach to my friends and companions?" said he, "if they will not obey his command do you think that anything that I can say will move them?"

There was a time when a tinge of romance was thrown around Foreign Missions. To an imaginative mind there is something enchanting in the thought of sitting under a banyan tree and in its leafy shade telling to a group of dusky enquirers eager to know the great truths of salvation, the wondrous story of redeeming love, and as the tears flow down their cheeks at listening to the recital, hearing them in subdued and earnest accents saying, "Is this true? Did the God man die for me—for poor weak, sinful me?"

But those days of romance have passed away. The stern realities of a life spent among the heathens are now well-known to the Christian world, and the question which should now be pressed home to the hearts of Christians should be this: "Are we prepared implicitly to obey our Savior's commands? Are we in heart not working for some exemptions? Does the love of Christ constrain us, as it did the Apostles of old?"

Our papers are full of facts pertaining to Missions and Mission life. Do we need them and allow them to make their full impression upon our minds?



Are we not satisfied that we have done our duty when our prayers, our efforts and our sympathies have been given to the dwellers in our own land who have not yet yielded to the requirements of our Savior?

Is not that Christian in a sad condition when his christian love and zeal find their limits in the borders of his native land?

Is the Gospel the only remedy for the foul disease which is praying ing upon the entire human race? Is it in our power to send this remedy to those afflicted ones? Will we do it?

We learn with pleasure that in 1879, Southern Baptists have given more than \$50,000 to send the Gospel to the heathen. Would it be too much for us to give, were we the next year to double this amount?

But the mere giving of money, important as it is, is but a small part of the gift, which the earnest Christian makes to Foreign Missions.

Such an one constantly seems to be hearing his Master say. "I gave my life for thee, what hast thou done for me?" and to a work which he knows is near his Master's heart, he gives his love, his prayers, his sympathies and his thoughts as well as his money.

During the year 1879 more persons were received into the Baptist churches in foreign lands than during any year since the advent of Christ.

Shall we not pray and labor to bring during the present year even a greater number into the churches of Christ? Shall we not as pastors and church members endeavor to awaken and cherish a missionary spirit among the churches of our Lord in Alabama?

May we not look and hope for the speedy coming of the day when no man need say to his neighbor, "Know thou the Lord, for all shall know Him from the least to the greatest?"

The Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will during the coming year labor more, pray more and give more for the advancement of the cause of Foreign Missions, and will ourselves strive to learn and to induce others to learn what our brethren in Foreign Lands are doing to advance the cause of the Master, and to the extent of our ability encourage them in their efforts.

T. W. TOBEY, Chairman,

I. U. WILKES,

J. O. HIXSON,

W. P. BULLOCK,

W. F. POND,

B. J. SKINNER,

Committee.

And discussion thereon had by S Henderson, I T Tichenor and T H Stout, pending which, prayer was offered by W M Motley, and the report amended by adding the following resolutions,

Resolved 1st, That in the prosecution of the Foreign Mission work we ought to employ more largely the piety and talent of our membership in teaching to the heathen by word and by the example of Christian life, the great truths of the Gospel.

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used.*

Resolved, 2nd, That all the forces which are embodied in our Christian civilization ought to be made subservient to the progress of Divine truth throughout the earth.

And adopted.

Resolved, That the system of having a programme for the guidance of the Convention be continued, and J. J. D. Renfroe, B. B. Davis, S. Henderson, J. W. Bishop and Jas. Crook constitute the Committee to arrange and publish the programme for the next Session.

Resolved, 1st, That the Committee taken special pleasure in hearing of the success and hopeful prospects of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and cordially recommend it to our young Ministers who desire to pursue a thorough course in theological study.

Resolved, 2nd, That we deem the early completion of the endowment of the Seminary a matter of great importance, and trust that our churches and brethren will do what is in their power in that matter, as promptly as possible; and we invite the General Secretary of the Seminary, Rev. M. B. Wharton, to visit the State for the purpose of finishing the endowment.

The *Special Committee to report a plan for Aged and Infirm Ministers* made their report as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter in reference to submitting some plan by which the aged and infirm ministers' fund may be carried into effect submitted the following:

We recommend that a standing central committee of three be appointed by the President to take charge of all funds and contributions that may come into their hands from any source and disburse and dispense the same, in any way their wisdom may suggest, and the said committee be located at Selma.

We recommend further that this Committee take charge of all donations contributed with conditions, and apply the same as the condition specify.

We further recommend that this Committee issue and distribute an address to the churches and associations in this State, setting forth the objects and aims of this benevolent enterprise, and soliciting their cordial co-operation.

J. G. HARRIS,  
W. C. WARD,  
B. B. DAVIS,  
Committee.

which was adopted, and W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory and H. A. Haralson appointed the Special Committee provided for in the Report.

Resolved, That it is the earnest, prayerful and Christian desire of this Convention that all the churches and associations of Alabama be represented in this body at its next Session, and in order to procure such representation, it is the decision of this Convention that we appeal to and invite all churches and associations which have held aloof from our meetings heretofore, to send delegates to the next Convention to be held at Troy; and in order that such appeal shall be communicated to the various associations included, it is the wish of this Convention that the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board appoint as messengers, brethren, for each association, to visit its next session and invite them to co-operate with this body.

Resolved, That we recognize in the "Alabama Baptist," published at Selma, an able and efficient organ of our denomination in this State and a sound exponent of our faith: that we are gratified to learn of its prosperity, and heartily recommend it to the sympathy and patronage of our people.

The following paper was then read:

Whereas, There is within the bounds of our State Convention an aged and infirm Minister of the Gospel, Dr. J. L. Dagg, who has exhausted his mental and physical strength in the interests of our denomination, though he asks it not, yet:

Resolved, That we esteem it a privilege to raise for him by special contribution, as an expression of our regard for, and appreciation of his imperishable labors, an amount, as an *offering* from his brethren; and on an opportunity being given a spontaneous offering of \$45.45 was made.

A communication from Jemison Baptist Church stating the necessities of Rev. Jas. Allen was read, and a collection for his benefit amounting to \$30.05 taken up.

Resolved, That all speeches, except those of the appointees upon special subjects, henceforward during this session be limited to five minutes.

Resolved, that the public collection taken at this session for individual members may be paid over to those brethren at whose instance the collections were taken.

Adjourned with prayer by D. W. Ramsey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

Business resumed, Session opened with prayer

Resolved, That a *Special Committee on Temperance* be appointed to report at the next session of the Convention, which, after discussion by E. T. Winkler, S. Henderson and J. H. Burns, was adopted and a Committee consisting of S. Henderson, E. T. Winkler, W. B. Crampton, D. P. Bestor and J. H. Burns, appointed.

The special order of business taken up—the subject of “*The Evangelization of the colored race*,” which was opened by J. W. Bishop, who introduced the following resolutions, which were amended by addition of the 5th resolution:

Resolved 1st, That “God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the Earth” and that this embraces the colored race.

Resolved 2nd, That we believe that “the glorious Gospel of the blessed God” is equal to the work of Christianizing and civilizing all races of men.

Resolved 3rd, That we commend the work of Evangelizing the colored people of our State to our pastors and churches and urge upon them the importance of this work and request them to contribute all that lies in their power towards its accomplishment.

Resolved 4th, That we welcome the messengers of the Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention and recommend a return of correspondence.

Resolved 5th, That as soon as it is possible, the State Mission Board shall secure the services of any suitable white minister who is willing to undertake it, or any colored minister to whom may be safely entrusted this important work, it is the sense of this body that they should employ such and put him in the colored field.

Pending which, by request, A F Owens and W R Pettiford addressed the Convention in behalf of the Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention has listened with decided pleasure to the speeches just delivered by A. F. Owens and W. R. Pettiford.

And the following subscriptions were made as a nucleus of a fund for carrying into effect the fifth resolution:

J. O. Mallory \$5.00, paid; J. R. Cross \$5.00, paid; J. W.

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Peurifoy \$5.00, paid; J. H. Williamson \$10.00, paid; cash collection \$17.10; I. T. Tichenor \$10.00; H. S. D. Mallory \$5.00; G. D. Benton \$5.00; I. U. Wilkes \$5.00; W. E. Lloyd \$5.00; A. B. Woodfin \$5.00; B. B. Williams \$5.00; J. A. Howard \$5.00; J. F. Bruner \$5.00; Wm. Bullock \$5.00; O. J. Bowen \$5.00.

and they were adopted.

Resolved, That the Educational Board be dropped from the list of appointments of the Convention.

Compelled by sickness of his family to ask it, the Convention granted the President leave to retire, and the thanks of the Convention were tendered to him for the self-sacrifice on his part which has afforded us the pleasure and the benefit of his services at the present session of this body.

The *Committee on Religious Exercises* reported the following services for the Sabbath:

Baptist Church—E. T. Winkler, 11 A. M.; W. F. Kone, 8:30 P. M.

Methodist Church—W. C. Cleveland, 11 A. M.; Z. D. Roby, 8:30 P. M.

Presbyterian Church—A. B. Woodfin, 11 A. M.

Colored Baptist Church—W. R. Pettiford, 11 A. M.; Wm. Pritchett, 3:30 P. M.; J. I. Stockton, 8:30 P. M.

The *Committee to Nominate the Remaining Officers of the Convention* made their report as follows, which was adopted:

*Treasurer*—S. H. Fowlkes.

*Board of Directors.*—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, *ex-officio* members; E. T. Winkler, J. H. Lee, W. W. Wilkerson, Porter King, W. H. Fiquet, J. T. Murfee, L. R. Gwaltney, J. B. Lovelace, J. G. Apsey.

To fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Bailey as a Trustee of Howard College, we recommend the name of J. W. Crenshaw.

To preach the *introductory sermon* before the next Convention—B. H. Crumpton; Alternate, J. O. Hixson.

Adjourned, after prayer and song, until to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT,

Opened with singing, and prayer by J. S. Paullin; after which, business was resumed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of this community for their hearty welcome and cordial hospitality, to the Christian denomination of the city for their courteous recognition, to the railroads of the States for reduction in rates of fare, and to the hacks, livery stables and hotels for their generous liberality.

The *Finance Committee* made their report, which was adopted:



For the Evangelization of the Colored Race	48	10
For Indian Mission, from the Ladies' Aid Society of Alpine Church	10	00

M. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

The general business of the Convention having been transacted, the remainder of the evening was devoted to informal remarks by the following delegates: W. F. Kone, J. S. Paullin, I. T. Tichenor, F. A. Lee, E. T. Winkler, B. H. Crumpton, W. C. Cleveland, A. B. Woodfin, J. J. D. Renfroe.

And after giving each other the parting hand, and prayer by T. W. Tobey, the Convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church at Troy, on Wednesday (13th) before the second Sabbath in July, 1881.

JONATHAN HARALSON, President.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, Secretary.

Statistical Table taken from the Minutes of 45 of the Baptist Associations of Alabama for 1879, compiled by the Secretary of the Convention to accompany these minutes.

	No Statistics.		Additions			Diminutions			Total	Sabbath Schools Reported.	Teachers and Scholars Reported
	Ch's	Ministers	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Death	By Letter	By Exclusions			
Alabama.....	1	34	18	103	80	21	42	109	25	2195	21 962
*Arbacooshee.....	4	43	19	281	146	41	22	105	27	2330	21 700
Bethel.....	2	30	20	103	80	18	27	65	17	2101	16
Bethlehem.....											
*Bentley.....		29	18	130	81	17	27	40	20	1428	
Big Bear Creek .....	2	21	14	87	84	11	5	78	13	992	
Boiling Spring. ....	2	23	11	42	34	5	14	26	5	1020	115
Bigbee .....	1	31	16	183	121	14	26	124	21	2582	323
Cousa River .....		12	7	56	50	5	12	26	13	997	125
Cedar Bluff.....											
*Colb at Shoals .....		25	18	85	96	16	13	62	11	1452	
Cherokee .....	2	14	20	122	64	5	19	91	17	1950	15 816
Cahaba .....	2	30	19	124	104	18	20	91	22	1718	
Cahaba Valley.....	4	16	11	46	37	2	11	20	16	904	
Canaan.....		28	19	110	83	21	24	97	43	1716	
Cary .....		11	7	32	33	1	9	12	8	306	
Centennial.....	3	40	20	150	118	28	19	119	67	2994	
Central .....	4	22	18	39	29	6	9	22	17	526	
Clear Creek .....		11	6	91	22	10	6	35	40	62	
Elim.....	2	20	10	32	53	2	13	67	17	1283	11 706
Eufaula.....	3	16	7	41	44	8	17	40	64	1335	9 928
Gulf Coast, 1880 .....		8	7	77	54	17	9	44	36	534	
Harmony West.....											
†Harmony East.....	3	34	24	15	87	26	20	96	42	1349	
Indian Creek.....	1	31	14	152	75	37	10	90	8	2062	
Judson .....		24	13	143	127	12	28	110	22	2570	
Liberty, East .....	4	29	9	116	51	9	18	65	33	1304	8 421
Liberty, North .....	4	32	6	142	99	15	19	135	30	1677	
Liberty, South-West .....	2	21	12	99	47	6	14	41	26	1109	
Mulberry .....											
*Mud Creek.....	1	35	18	167	75	18	50	94	52	2748	11
Muscle Shoals .....	3	17	10	41	40	10	5	41	11	608	
Mt. Carmel .....											
*Mt. Pleasant.....		22	13	152	70	4	15	44	28	1065	
New River .....	3	27	13	124	62	10	10	71	24	1410	
North River .....	1	24	12	111	96	11	10	98	46	1418	
Newton.....	4	26	9	84	46	25	16	100	19	1443	7 266
Pine Barren.....											
†Pen River .....		17	6	54	52	9	15	67	13	991	
Rock Mills.....											
†Sandy Creek.....	4	23	14	135	62	7	11	67	25	905	
Sulphur Springs .....	7	32	24	89	106	7	6	81	20	1561	
Salem.....	1	12	7	79	32	11	6	67	9	689	
Shelby .....		28	16	113	135	21	25	108	29	1794	10 444
Tuskegee .....	2	30	17	124	155	18	16	135	27	1842	
Tallasahatchie & Ten Ids .....	2	25	11	124	98	17	15	41	16	1355	
Tuskaloosa .....		26	14	62	50	6	18	76	4	1308	
Tennessee River .....											
*Tallapoosa River .....		28	12	129	96	11	16	65	10	1378	
Unity.....	1	32	15	152	49	19	26	85	31	1708	
Unl n .....	2	10	10	37	22	4	11	14	21	692	
Yellow Creek.....	4	22	12	76	51	19	9	39	13	858	
Warrior River .....	3	18	8	142	24	8	4	60	15	878	
Zion .....											

4 Churches named in the Minutes of their respective Assoc's, above, no statistics, estimated. These 6 Assoc's from Minutes previous years (137 Churches, 65 Ministers), as in Year Book. For these 6 Assoc's we have no statistics, and are not named in the Year Book, estimated.

Total white memberships in connection with the Convention . . . . . 75000  
Total colored membership in 600 Churches with 100 Pastors in 80 Associations . . . . . 165000  
Grand Total . . . . . 240000

Table of Contributions excluding pastor's salaries, shown by the Minutes of 46 of the Baptist Associations of Alabama for 1879, compiled by H. B. Davis Secretary of the Convention to accompany these Minutes.

	Home and Indian Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	State and District Evangelists	Ministerial Education & S. B. T. S.	Minutes and Associational purposes	Church expenses & various benevolent objects.	Total Contributions	Average contribution per member.
Alabama.....	\$130 60	\$262 75	\$338 15	\$121 04	388 65	122 40	1278 00	\$2047 01	1 20
Arhacoochee.....									
Bethel.....	13 30	10 55	223 55		156 10	49 30		458 80	20
Bethlehem.....		18 30	212 90	5 00		85 00		352 10	17
Beulah.....									
Big Bear Creek.....						38 75		38 75	01
Bodling Spring.....				50 00		30 85		80 85	00
Bigbee.....	19 40	2 90	315 95	50 00	25 00	42 25		455 50	45
Cousa River.....	83 32	83 33	321 50	33 80	147 40	100 75		772 60	30
Cedar Bluff.....	19 75	4 75	38 75			21 75		84 95	00
Colbert Shoals.....									
Cherokee.....			32 30	5 75		31 65	21 70	91 40	07
Calaba.....	133 20	119 50	406 30		30 00	57 60	1329 62	2105 37	1 08
Calaba Valley.....	4 00	4 00	120 00			45 40		173 40	19
Canam.....			101 55		135 00	80 20		206 75	30
Carey.....	4 65	4 00		50		42 40		52 15	01
Centennial.....	12 68	23 58	127 48			30 65		194 69	32
Central.....			113 25			65 70		178 95	09
Clear Creek.....						20 10		20 10	04
Ellis.....	59 05		25 05			27 50		112 20	18
Eufaula.....	62 80	80 80	228 00	142 00	205 90	93 25	120 80	913 40	74
Gulf Coast, 1880.....	58 02	292 35			391 80	41 00	7504 31	8260 51	6 19
Harmony West.....						17 35		17 35	04
Harmony East.....									
Indian Creek.....						26 10		26 10	02
Judson.....		7 00		1 00		86 00	24 00	118 90	06
Liberty, East.....	34 35	49 45	310 50		15 80	50 00	9 00	470 00	19
Liberty, North.....	5 25	5 80	101 05			29 60	12 05	153 75	12
Liberty, South-West.....						65 60	4 80	70 40	05
Mulberry.....	1 00					30 10		37 10	04
Mud Creek.....									
Muscle Shoals.....		25 00	9 00	148 70		45 00		227 70	09
Mt. Carmel.....						18 15		18 15	03
Mt. Pleasant.....									
New River.....				17 50		42 28		59 78	06
North River.....	41 25	72 25				47 95		161 45	14
Newton.....			50 00	150 20		37 80	14 75	262 65	19
Plum Barren.....	23 65	31 60	308 00		56 00	48 20		407 45	32
Pea River.....						30 50		30 50	19
Rock Mills.....	9 50	6 50				25 55	5 30	40 85	05
Sandy Creek.....									
Sulphur Springs.....				29 50		23 00	17 05	69 55	08
Salmon.....	36 51	46 15	105 34			48 00	34 70	309 70	24
Shelby.....						24 50		24 50	04
Tuskegee.....	34 30	71 30	370 35	39 00		49 00		518 45	30
Tallasatchie & Ten I.....	30 00	5 00	21 60	35 00		50 75	7 95	130 20	08
Tuskaloosa.....	17 90	12 40	12 55	23 05		37 10	14 70	117 70	09
Tennessee River.....		15 75	15 75			28 80		60 30	04
Tallapoosa River.....									
Unity.....		10 00	5 00	101 24	71 00	73 25	174 05	524 54	39
Union.....	28 45		1 75	101 40		60 50		290 90	16
Yellow Creek.....				33 50		21 45		51 95	08
Warrior River.....						26 30		26 30	04
Zion.....				137 65		30 70		168 35	20

\$819 56 1241 01 \$4105 71 \$1315 95 \$1011 65 \$2065 89 10649 48 \$21819 85.

Showing an average contribution of about thirty-five cents per member.  
The statistics of the Gulf Coast Association are taken from the minutes of 1880, and their large item of church expenses may include Pastors' salaries. Leaving this out the average contribution will be reduced to about twenty-two cents per member.

# Time and Places of Meeting and Officers of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama FROM 1823 TO 1880 INCLUSIVE

Year	Place of Meeting	President.	Clerk.
1823	Greensboro .....	Rev Charles Crow	Rev J A Ransdson
1824	Marion .....	Rev Daniel P Brown	"
1825	Tuscaloosa .....		
1826	Greensboro .....	Rev L C Davis	
1827	Bethany Coneuch county.....	Rev L C Davis	Rev J A Butler
1828	Marion .....		
1829	Canaan ch. Jefferson county...	Rev Lee Compere	" A J Holcombe
1830	Near Canton Wilcox County...	" J Ryan	"
1831	Salem ch., near Greensboro...		
1832			
1833	Grant's Crk ch near Tuscal'sa		
1834	Salem ch., near Greensboro....	" H Holcombe	"
1835	Oakmulgee ch., Perry county.	"	"
1836	Fellowship ch., Wilcox Co.....	"	"
1837	Enon ch. Madison county.....	"	"
1838	Grant's Crk ch near Tuscal'sa	"	"
1839	Oakmulgee ch. Perry county...	"	"
1840	Salem church Greene county..	" Jesse Hartwell	"
1841	Falladega.....	" Thos. Chilton	"
1842	Montgomery .....	" Jesso Hartwell	M P Jewett
1843	Marion.....	"	"
1844	" .....	"	"
1845	" .....	"	"
1846	" .....	"	"
1847	Greensboro.....	" Thos Chilton	"
1848	Marion.....	"	Rev Platt Stout
1849	Carlowville, Dallas county.....	"	"
1850	Marion.....	"	Rev T F Curtis
1851	Tuskegee .....	" W P Chilton	Rev Platt Stout
1852	Marion.....	" H Talbird	
1853	Selma .....	"	Rev P H Lundy
1854	Marion.....	"	A B Goodhue
1855	Montgomery.....	"	"
1856	LaFayette.....	" A G McCraw	"
1857	Marion.....	"	"
1858	Gainesville.....	"	"
1859	Marion.....	"	"
1860	Tuskegee.....	" H Talbird	Rev I T Tichenor
1861	Marion.....		
1862	Selma.....	Hon J L M Curry	A B Goodhue
1863	Marion.....	"	A B Goodhue
1864	Montgomery.....	Rev W H McIntosh	A B Goodhue
1865	Marion.....	Hon J L M Curry	A B Goodhue
1866	Selma.....	"	A B Goodhue
1867	Mobile.....	"	Rev Charles Manly
1868	Marion.....	Rev S Henderson	R F Manly
1869	Oxford.....	"	Rev Charles Manly
1870	Opelika.....	"	"
1871	Montgomery.....	"	R F Manly
1872	Eufaula.....	"	A B Goodhue
1873	Tuscaloosa.....	"	Rev J J D Renfroe
1874	Marion.....	Hon Jno Haralson	F H Hawks
1875	Huntsville.....	"	B B Davis
1876	Montgomery.....	"	B B Davis
1877	Gadsden.....	"	A B Goodhue
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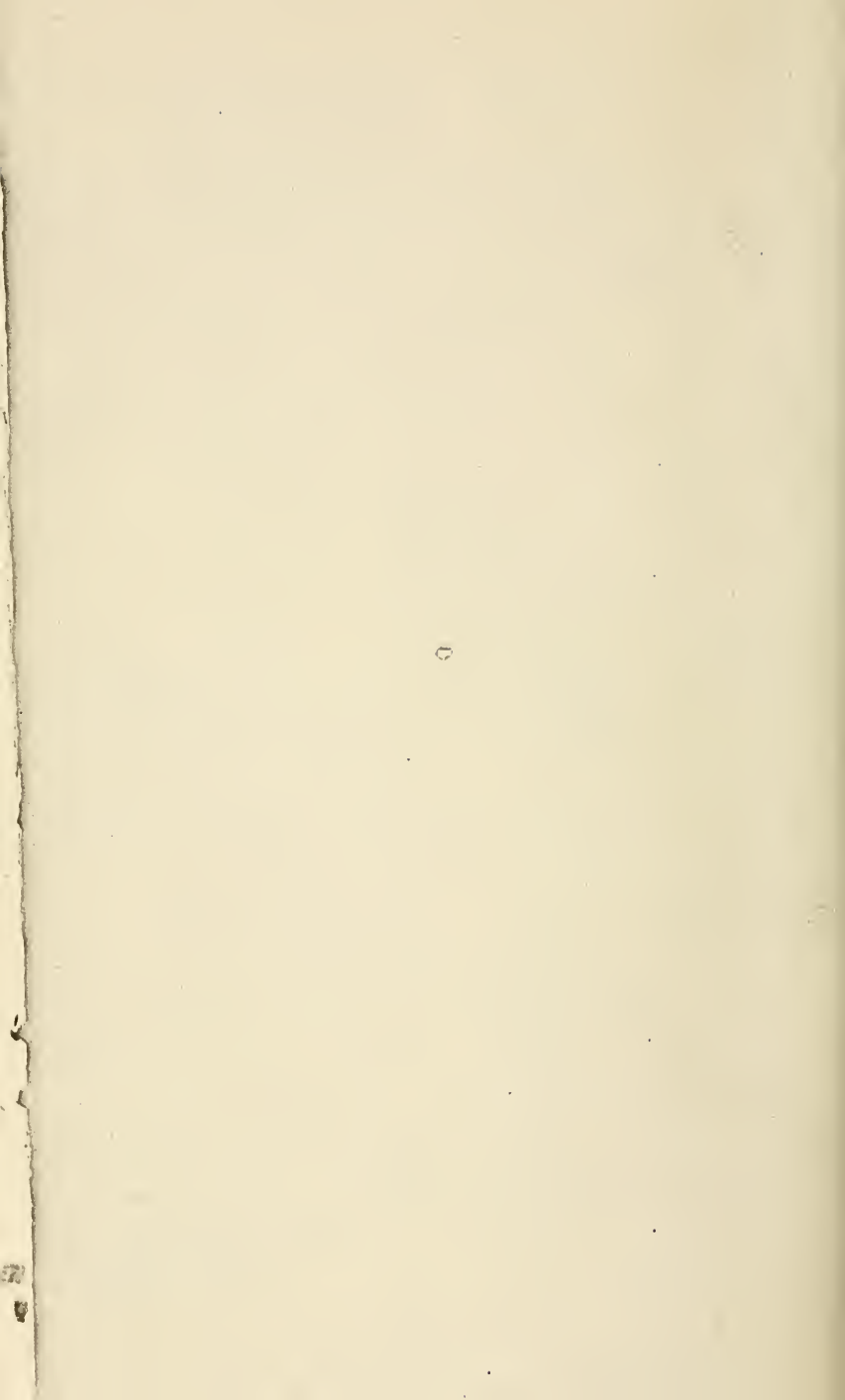
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